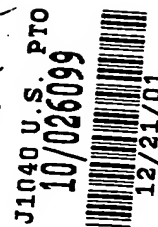


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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to
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- 1) US 4,302,878

The relevance of reference has been discussed in the instant specification on page 1.

A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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